

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as now presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20-29 have been canceled. Claims 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19 have been amended. Claims 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19 are active in the application.

Applicants acknowledge that Claims 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed is rewritten in independent form, as indicated in the Office Action. Applicants have rewritten Claims 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19 in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, Applicants believe that amended Claims 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19 are allowable.

Claims 1-10, 12, 14, 21, 22, and 24-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Stanescu.

Claims 1-10, 12, 14, 21, 22, and 24-29 have been canceled. Thus, Applicants believe that the above-identified rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is moot.

Claims 16, 18, 20, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stanescu.

Claims 16, 18, 20, and 23 have been canceled. Thus, Applicants believe that the above-rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is moot.

The above changes to the claims are self-evident from the original disclosure; thus, no new matter has been introduced, and no new issues have been raised.

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Amendment A, continued

In view of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are definite and in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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